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## We'll steam back to health, vows SVR

SEVERN Valley Railway says it is determined to bounce back from a disappointing 2010 which has led to job losses this month.

Under the heading Many Happy Returns, the steam railway is to try fares incentives to entice passengers back to the scenic line, including a "buy one, get one free" offer.

Fare-paying adults, senior citizens and children will be able

collect a voucher for a return visit to the SVR later in the season.

Additionally, rail bosses are promoting a bigger programme of special events in 2011 in its efforts to return to parity, including a Postman Pat family event over the Easter weekend.

A three-day Swinging Sixties event is planned from May 20-22, headlined by leading tribute bands to The Beatles (The Upbeat

Beatles), The Kinks (The Kinx), and The Who (The Whoo). The bands who will play under the all-glass canopy at Kidderminster station, in Comberton Hill.

Among other memory-joggers, the event offers a 1960s fashion show, displays of Meccano, Scalextric and other classic children's toys, a line-up of "Moggies" — vintage Morris Minor cars — and 1960s steam locomotives which will

be visiting the line from other heritage railways.

The SVR will also wheel out one of the Travelling Post Office coaches involved in the notorious 1963 Great Train Robbery at Linslade, Bucks, when an organised gang stopped a postal sorting train from Scotland to London and stole £2.6 million in used banknotes.

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# FANS SAVE HARRIERS



Two young fans send a message to the Kidderminster board at a February home game



Aggborough, home of debt-plagued Blue Square Premier side Kidderminster Harriers

**T**he future of Kidderminster Harriers has been secured and the football club could be debt-free by August — as a fans' group reveals it has raised nearly £37,000 in recent weeks.

The club was hours away from insolvency in February as it faced debts of £155,000 and a winding up order from the High Court for unpaid tax.

A wave of donations from fans and anonymous sources ensured the club would survive for the rest of this season, but now it has been announced that it can continue for years to come.

Kidderminster Harriers Independent Supporters' Trust (KHIST) has generated £36,950 through donations, including £26,000 in just two weeks.

KHIST raised £4,256 by holding three monthly lotteries at the Harriers Arms and it is estimated this could generate up to £23,000 over the course of a year.

KHIST spokesman and new club board member Karl Davies warned the club must not "spend

money it hasn't got" in future, though.

He said: "It's great news for everyone involved that the club can keep going and concentrate on the football from now on."

"But we must make sure the club never gets into this situation again and that we live by our means."

So far 210 season tickets have been sold for the next campaign under Project 1,000, which aims to shift 1,000 tickets by April 23 at discounted prices.

All money from these will go towards the player budget for next season, Mr Davies said.

### Nearby

Harriers currently stand two points outside the play-offs in the Blue Square Premier.

Plans are being drawn up for the club to run the nearby Stadium Close car park for the next three to five years, which bosses hope could raise thousands.

The 100-space pay-and-display car park is currently owned by Wyre Forest District Council.

It is used by Harriers supporters on match days but the proceeds go to the council.

● Promotion run-in — see back page



Declan, left, and Rhys Williams map out their route to Everest base camp

## Everest challenge for twins

TWO Kidderminster paperboys are joining their father on a mammoth cycling trip to Everest Base Camp.

Stuart Williams and his twin sons Declan and Rhys, aged 14, were due to spend three days this week acclimatising to altitude in Tibet after leaving England last Saturday.

The trio from Kidderminster aim to cycle more than 700 miles through the Himalayas from Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, to Kathmandu, in Nepal, with a 100-mile detour to Everest's base camp at more than 17,500ft.

They have been busy training for their challenge by cycling up to 50 miles a day so they are used to spending hours at a time in the saddle.

Last October the brothers, who attend King Charles I School, Kidderminster, com-

pleted CTC, a 150-mile training ride across the north of England between Whitehaven and Sunderland.

They have chosen to raise money for Help for Heroes as both Declan and Rhys are air cadets at 156 Kidderminster Squadron and want to be pilots in the RAF one day.

### Birthday

Mr Williams, aged 45, who has already completed the trip in 2007, said: "I promised them for their 15th birthday I would pay for them to do this trip. It is the best bike ride in the world."

Most of their trip will involve cycling at 13,100ft above sea level.

The trio can be sponsored via their website page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Williams> and followed on Twitter.

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# Rabbit holes blamed for hall's inferno

BURROWING rabbits helped a devastating blaze spread through a historic Saxon hall near Stourport, archaeologists have discovered. The discovery was made by experts examining ruins at Bishops Wood Environmental Centre, Crossway Green.

It is believed the myriad holes left behind by the animals enabled air to enter beneath the hall and increase the speed at which the flames ravaged the building in 2008.

The hall was rebuilt and opened in January. Experts have only now been able to examine the remains following a major reconstruction.

Archaeologists have been examining the remains left by the fire including the materials which were used for the walls.

Head of Bishops Wood Centre, John Rhymer, said: "Archaeologist Christine Elgy explained how by excavating the burnt-out fire they were learned how rabbit burrows had allowed air to enter beneath the hall to increase the speed at which the fire spread."

## Pair jailed after drug den raided

POLICE who raided a Kidderminster house found 15 people inside and a stash of drugs with a street value of £2,000.

They arrested two men and a teenager, Worcester Crown Court heard last week.

Terence Savage, aged 30, of Coronation Way, Kidderminster, was jailed for two years and eight months.

### Roofing

Mark Willis, aged 22, of Hawford Avenue, Kidderminster, was given 14 months custody.

Andrew Cale, aged 19, also of Coronation Way, was given a 12-months' community order with 300 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay £450 court costs.

Savage pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine and mephedrone.

The other two defendants admitted being concerned in the supply of cannabis.

Willis also pleaded guilty in

court to possession of ecstasy.

Mr Stephen Davies, prosecuting, said police executed a search warrant at Savage's home on the Comberton estate on June 11 last year.

Savage has previous convictions for possession of cocaine and cannabis, the judge was told at last week's hearing.

He was in financial difficulties at the time of the raid, said his barrister, Mr Lawrence Watts.

## Apple store at farm blazes

Firefighters battled a blaze which broke out in an apple store near Stourport.

Crews in Kidderminster and Stourport were called to a farm building in Red House Lane, Dunley, which had caught fire shortly before 9.30am on Monday. Thermal imaging cameras were used to identify hotspots.

### Visited

The old hall was built by staff and volunteers, with everything done by hand, using 100 tree trunks and 1.5 miles of string.

It was visited by thousands of children who cooked bread, weaved hurdles and cloth and made jewellery.

Along with a full-size Viking trading ship, made of living willow, the hall helped teachers bring history alive for countless classes.

It was destroyed after an ember from a cooking fire slipped through a crack in the clay hearth and started a fire beneath the wooden floor.

The replica has been furnished with benches, table and fire-pit.

This time the floor is of packed earth sealed with linseed oil in lieu of the traditional blood of a sacrificial bull.



Pet lover Emily Davies hands over her car boot sale takings to Forest Dog Rescue's Wendy Squires

## Car boot girl Emily, 8, gives it all away

A GIRL aged eight has given all the money she raised by selling possessions at a car boot sale to a Wyre Forest animal charity.

Bewdley animal lover Emily Davies set up her own table, priced up toys, books and DVDs, and handed over the £27.34 she raised to Forest Dog Rescue.

She had her own table at the sale and priced up the items herself.

### Sponsors

Liz Davies, Emily's mum, said: "We're so proud of her and the fact she did something so selfless. She loves animals so much and she really wanted to do it."

"She was really pleased with the amount she raised, and pleased that the dog charity recognised what she'd done."

Emily, who attends St Anne's School, in Bewdley, also sponsors two dogs at the rescue centre and sponsors a donkey at Redwings Horse Sanctuary.

Aspiring vet Emily's fundraising success has featured in the school newsletter and was mentioned at assembly by head-teacher Simon Tapp.

A spokesperson for Forest Dog Rescue, which raised £360 from the car boot sale at its Far Forest

kennels on April 3, said: "It's great to see young people taking an active interest in fundraising for local charities."

The whole Davies family loves animals and has seven rescue sheep, two rescue cats, a rescue dog and a tortoise.

Emily hopes to put on another car boot sale in the future to raise more money for the charity, which has a newly-refurbished shop in Oxford Street, Kidderminster.

## Clean slate for young bat thieves

THREE 12-year-olds who stole cricket sets and rounders bats from a school shed near Kidderminster have helped to clean classrooms, move furniture and pick up litter to pay for the offences. The youngsters broke into the shed at Hagley Primary School last August but were spotted by a passer-by and caught shortly afterwards. After consultation between the school, the children and their parents, a community resolution was decided as the best form of punishment and they carried out the work last week.

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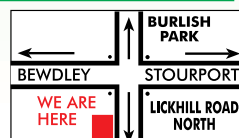
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# Steve takes plunge and wins a gong



Steve Bradley, of Severn Area Rescue

A PARAMEDIC who rescued a man from a freezing canal at Stourport was among a batch of heroes honoured for their dedication and bravery in saving lives.

Steve Wheaton, of Stourport, a trained paramedic and the regional head of specialist operations for West Midlands Ambulance Service, single-handedly rescued a man who fell into the town's river basin in December 2009.

Mr Wheaton was given the commendation for bravery and selflessness.

Also honoured were nurses Faith Button-Smallman, of Harvington, near Kidderminster, and Emily

West Midlands Ambulance Service staff, volunteers and members of the public have been honoured at an annual awards ceremony

Hooper, who works at the A & E department at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

While off-duty in April 2010, the pair helped an emergency medical technician revive a heart attack victim.

They received the commendation from Steve Marsh, chief executive of West Midlands Ambulance Service, for their professionalism and willingness to help.

## Flooding

The service's regional head of cardiac and stroke care, Matt Ward, of Kidderminster, was given a commendation for his work to improve the care of stroke and heart attack victims with the development of new schemes and services.

The Severn Area Rescue Association (Sara) was presented with an award for assisting the ambulance service during times of flooding.

The commendation was received on behalf of the rescue association by Steve Bradley, of Kidderminster.

Other winners at the ceremony hosted by Walsall FC's Banks's Stadium included members of the volunteer West Midlands 4x4 Response team, based in Tipton, who helped staff get to work during the heavy snows of the past winter.

Russell Aimes and Simon Morley, were recognised for helping a cyclist who had been knocked from his bike in Wednesfield. Along with a colleague they worked together to stem the bleeding and immobilise him.



Nurses Faith Button-Smallman, left, and Emily Hooper are presented with their awards by Anthony Marsh of WMAS

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Canal basin rescuer Steve Wheaton, of Stourport

## Ammo cache in police raid

A HAUL of illegal drugs, ammunition and cash was seized by 25 police in a raid on a farmhouse near Kidderminster.

West Mercia officers swooped on the property near the River Severn at Alveley and found cannabis and

£8,700 in cash. Several goldfinches were also taken during the joint raid by police,

the RSPCA, Shropshire Council's animal welfare unit, the National Wildlife Crime Unit and the National Plant and Equipment Register.

## Bailed

A 58-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing ammunition without a certificate and obstructing the police.

A 20-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of the same firearms offence, possessing a controlled drug and theft.

Both men were bailed after the March 24 raid.

## Last call for carnival girls

A FINAL call has gone out for girls to compete to be the June 18 Kidderminster Carnival queen, princess and rosebuds.

The competitions will be staged at the town hall this Sunday, April 18. Judges including Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier, the Mayor of Kidderminster, Councillor Jeffrey Baker, and the 2010 carnival queen, Amy Phillips.

To enter in advance, call competition organiser Jo-Ann Bowkett on 01562 732158.

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**thechronicle****Town is first to install super-fast broadband**

BEWDLEY is to be the first town in Wyre Forest to have access to super-fast fibre broadband.

BT has announced that 4,600 homes and businesses can have the service by the end of next year at the latest.

Bewdley is the latest to benefit from BT's £2.5 billion roll-out plans for super-fast broadband, already available in Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Worcester.

**Investment**

Super-fast broadband, using fibre-to-street-cabinet technology, offers much faster download speeds of up to 40Mbps, potentially rising to 60Mbps, and upstream speeds of 10Mbps (15Mbps).

John Dovey, of BT, said: "The roll-out of super-fast broadband across Worcestershire and the West Midlands is continuing to gather momentum."

**Security at allotments**

A FENCE has been erected around allotments in Kidderminster thanks in part to a community grant from West Mercia Police.

Comberton Community Allotments received a £500 grant towards the £2,000 costs of phase one, which involved the purchase of fencing rolls, posts and fixings. Funding also came from Wyre Forest Council and Comberton Community Fund.

PCSO Niall Ryland said: "The allotments only had a low fence and were vulnerable to problems with vegetables being trampled and stolen, and sheds being broken into."



Pet adviser Claire with Halle Griffiths, aged eight

**Free holiday pet care tuition for youngsters**

A PET store in Kidderminster is offering a free series of workshops for children over the Easter holidays. Pets at Home, in Carpet Traders Way, is hosting workshops to increase knowledge of how to care for different animals.

Lucy Price, store manager at Pets at Home, said: "We'll be holding a variety of exciting workshops for children. From rabbits and guinea pigs to fish and wildlife, the workshops will be something fun and interesting for the Easter holidays."

**Weekends**

Children can also take part in the store's daily Picnic Time sessions, where they can watch the pets being fed and learn about their feeding habits.

The workshops take place at 2pm every day, while Picnic Time sessions are at 4pm on weekdays and 2.30pm on weekends.

For more information contact Pets at Home on 01562 69577.

**Funding advice for businesses**

WYRE Forest businesses within the Third Sector that are considering applying for funding but are unsure where to start can get advice from the experts at a funding workshop run by Worcestershire County Council's Worcestershire Partnership.

The workshop is on Wednesday, April 20, at Community Action Wyre Forest, Burgage Lodge, Kidderminster, from 2pm.

Places are limited, so book in advance by calling contact Irene Walker on 01562 67008.

**Air gun louts ruin plaques by pupils**

YOBS armed with an air gun have destroyed plaques made by schoolchildren and killed a fish in a "sickening" attack at a Bewdley beauty spot.

Vandals struck at Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Gardens, off Load Street, leaving the trail of destruction in their wake. Shots were fired into an ornamental pool at the park, resulting in the death of a golden carp, and the plaques were used as target practice.

They had been made by youngsters from St Anne's First School and Wribbenhall Primary School with the names of plants in the park.

Wyre Forest Council said it would look at improving security and asking traders and residents to be vigilant.

Bewdley councillor Derek Killingworth said it had been heartbreaking. "I was Mayor of Bewdley when these plaques were first installed and remember the youngsters being so excited when they were put in place," he said.

**Mindless**

"They worked so hard to make them out of clay and now some mindless yobs have come along and destroyed some of them. It is just mindless and sickening."

Wyre Forest Council leader and county councillor for Bewdley Councillor John Campion said of the about the April 1 attack: "This has been a terrible incident at one of Bewdley's best-known beauty spots," he said.

"The district council will be looking at how security at the gardens can be improved and also working with residents and businesses to be vigilant. Hopefully we will be able to stop something like this happening again."

**DVD library rent discount**

LIBRARIES in Wyre Forest are offering a special deal during the Easter holidays on the rental of children's DVDs. Until Saturday, April 23, all Worcestershire County Council libraries are offering a selection of U, PG and 12 certificate films on a week-long loan for £1.

**Out of Africa, school's VIP guests**

Mama Emmie, left, Lauren Bromell, Olivia Crannage, Eilidh Shakespeare, Bishop Patrick Mwachiko, Jonathan Rendell, Victoria MacAskill and Luke Morarty

A VISITING bishop from east Africa has been welcomed by staff and pupils at a Wolverley secondary school.

The Rt Rev Patrick Mwachiko and his wife, Mama Emmie, are from the Diocese of Masasi, in Tanzania, are visiting Tanzanian link schools in Worcester and Hereford.

Masasi is one of 16 dioceses of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, and Dr Mwachiko is the eighth bishop, consecrated and enthroned in 1996.

During his visit the bishop

met the Rev David Walker, Bishop of Dudley, and Jonathan Rendell, who is the Diocesan Schools' Improvement Officer in Worcester.

**Learning**

They were shown around school by students who are members of the Learning Council. They visited classrooms and the recording studio, walked to St John the Baptist Church in the village, and had a cream tea with staff and visiting French students.

Wolverley students have been raising money during various events this year which is sent to their link school, Mnara Secondary School in Mitanga, Tanzania.

Deputy head Mrs Vicki Blake said: "It was an honour to receive such distinguished guests. Having been to Tanzania to teach at our link school, where I first met Bishop Mwachiko, it was a pleasure to show him the facilities that we are able to offer our students here at Wolverley."

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## Holiday park and ride bid shelved

PLANS to run a park and ride scheme in Bewdley during the school summer holidays has been put on hold because of a lack of demand.

Wyre Forest Council had been considering a scheme, operating from Bewdley High School car park, to free up spaces at busy times.

A similar scheme is in place for events such as the Christmas lights switch-on.

### Sufficient

The authority said it had decided not to proceed with the scheme as car parking in the town was sufficient to deal with present visitor numbers.

The idea was first put forward as part of a review of parking in the Wyre Forest district which started last year. Julian Phillips, ward member for Bewdley, said the scheme was not workable.

## Village hall hosts sale

A TABLE top sale is being held at a village hall near Kidderminster next month to raise funds for the upkeep of the building.

The sale begins at 10.30am on Saturday May 7.

Bookings are being taken at £10 per table by treasurer and secretary Margaret Rogers on margaretmrg@aol.com or 01384872073.

# Coach Lesley has Special challenge

AN ATHLETICS coach from Kidderminster will be jetting off to Athens with two of her finest runners for this summer's Special Olympics.

Lesley Andrews, of Chester Road, team manager of Special Olympics for Worcestershire, is taking Jamie Dancyger, aged 25, and Richard Murphy, 22.

**By Sarah Hazelwood**  
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Distance runner Jamie and sprinter Richard have been coached by Lesley for more than 10 years.

"This is the biggest thing I have ever done and it is amazing to know that I have been able to coach someone to this high standard," said the mother of four.

"The Special Olympics is a sport for all and I am so proud of Jamie and Richard, who are both at the top of their field."

### Opening

"They have achieved so much over the years that I have been training them and they too should be very proud of where they are at now and how much potential they have to go even further in the future."

Lesley, aged 51, also works full-time as a secretary at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Eldest daughter Claire, who has mild learning difficulties and hearing problems, competed in two Special Olympic world games, winning gold in the relay in 1999.

As the largest multi-sports event in the world, 185 nations and 7,500 athletes will flock to Greece for the opening of the games on June 25.



Coach Lesley Andrews with Special Olympics athletes Richard Murphy, left, and Jamie Dancyger

## Fish and chip night

FISH and chips are on the menu at a social event for pensioners in Stourport this Saturday, April 16. The Newtown Over-60s Entertainment Evening run by Community Action Newtown and the local policing team takes place at the Baptist church in Minster Road at 6.30pm. Newtown Fish Bar is serving the £1 fish supper, which can be booked on 01299 878010.

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### Crackling idea for a project

STUDENTS from Wolverley CE Secondary's Access Lodge have taken delivery of three Gloucester Old Spot pigs for an educational and environmental project.

The group have been working with Wyre Forest Council Ranger Service on the project and have been learning about the pigs and how they will eventually be released at a nature reserve.

Before the pigs were collected from Hewll Grange Open Prison, near Redditch, the youngsters had to build a pen for the pigs and re-assemble their "ark". Adrian Hobday, Access Lodge manager, said: "The group have worked so hard as a team to make this project come together. They have not only used practical skills to build the pen but have also been able to further develop their maths and English skills."

Pigo, Romeo and Valentino have now settled into their new surroundings at school and are cared for by the students.



Reece Manning, Macaulay Jackson, Conor Clark, Macaulay Grimes, Grant Bishop, Harry Bannister and Eddie Edwards help the pigs settle in at Wolverley Access Lodge

## Asparagus legs totter to the title

ASPARAGUS is one of the tastiest treats grown in Britain to grace any dinner table – and a village near Kidderminster is taking part in a festival celebrating the much-prized vegetable coming into season.

The celebrations will be reviving the Worcestershire tradition of crowning the Asparagus King. Competitors paint their legs green, stand behind a screen, and the acclaim of the crowd will decide whose legs look most like asparagus spears and who should be crowned king for 2011.

Harvington will be the setting for an asparagus-inspired art and poetry competition, and Harvington Singers will be performing Ode To Asparagus, written by Trevor Harrison, who plays Eddie Grundy in BBC Radio 4's The Archers.

The crowning of the Asparagus King will take place in Evesham when the festival starts on April 23, St George's Day – the first day of the season.

Activities take place in Evesham, Harvington, Eckington, and at the historic Pleece Inn, in Bretforton, before the season ends on Midsummer's Day in June. The festival is now in its fourth year in its current two month long form, but originally started eight years ago.

### Popular

The idea stemmed from auctions of asparagus that have been taking place at The Pleece Inn for decades. The auction takes place on Friday, April 29, and a fun day including cooking demonstrations and Henry Sandon from Antiques Roadshow to host a special version of the popular BBC



Trevor Harrison

TV Sunday evening show.

Harvington village hall will be hosting its asparagus themed weekend from May 8-10, including the asparagus competition, asparagus tasting, village games and side stalls.

The weekend will also include a visit from Gemma Packington, who claims to be the UK's only 'asparanancer', who predicts the future by throwing asparagus on the floor and making



Henry Sandon

sense of how the spears land. Angela Tidmarsh, tourism officer for Wychevond District Council, said: "It's proved to be very popular."

### Highlights

Our highlights this year are the Great English Asparagus Race and the Asparagus King competition. For more information, visit [www.britishtasparagusfestival.org](http://www.britishtasparagusfestival.org).

## Neighbours take a dim view as club lights OK'd

PLANS to install 12 floodlights at a Wyre Forest tennis club have been recommended for approval despite objections from residents and town councillors.

Bewdley Tennis Club, in Stourport Road, wants to install 22ft-high columns at three of its courts closest to the east bank of the River Severn.

Four other courts already have lighting. Planning officers at Wyre Forest Council have recommended approval of the plan.

But Bewdley Town Council and two people living nearby have objected to the plans saying the columns would be "obtrusive".

### Stanchions

A town council report said: "The height of the proposed floodlights is an unwelcome visual distraction on an otherwise attractive area of Bewdley."

"They will also detract from the pleasant view across the river from the Gardener's Meadow area. Because of their height they are incapable of being properly screened."

"The club already has courts which have floodlighting."

One objector wrote: "Our house backs directly on to the tennis courts that are to be floodlit."

"We will not only be affected by light pollution, but the stanchions will be clearly visible from our living room."

## Flood relief plan in for discussion

RESIDENTS of the Queensway estate in Bewdley have an extra opportunity to inspect the plans for the Wribbhall Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The plans, which have now been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council for planning permission, will be on display at Wribbhall Community Centre tomorrow, Friday, from 5-8pm.

Gill Holland, who chairs the Riddings Brook Flood Group, is inviting anyone who is interested to come along to look at the drawings and to discuss the project, which the Environment Agency hopes to construct this summer.

### Responses

"Copies of the plans have been made available to the group to encourage residents to take part in the consultation", she said.

"For those who are householders, we can bring the drawings round to their homes if they call us on 01299 400952."

The planning submission (No. 11/0185/FULL, Land off Crundalls Lane) can be inspected online at <http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/fastweb/consultations.asp> until next Wednesday, April 20. Comments and responses on the scheme will be accepted up until the end of April.

## Canal dog is rescued

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a Kidderminster canal by a dog owner whose pet jumped into the water and could not climb out.

A crew was called to the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal near St Mary's Ringway at 9pm on Saturday after the Staffordshire bull terrier started to

## Willing Kates and Williams to say 'I do'

Kate and William lookalikes are wanted for an event opening in Kidderminster on the eve of the Royal Wedding.

Fired Up and Fifty Plus has organised a charity fair and has appealed for lookalikes of the happy couple to open it.

The exercise group is hosting the event to cash for Against Breast Cancer.

There will be a tombola, refreshments and stalls, including clothes, plants and bric-a-brac at Kidderminster Town Hall.

Simply Charming, of Kidderminster, is giving free Indian head massages and a taste of reiki healing.

Fired up and Fifty Plus will be demonstrating fun and gentle exercises to music, and encouraging the public to join in. Health care professionals

will also be there to offer health advice and support.

A bra bank will take donations of old or unwanted bras, to be sent all over the world.

The event will be on Thursday, April 28, from 10.30am to 2.30pm, and Kate or William lookalikes are urged to extendkid@googlemail.com or call 01562 700478.

### Dealings

Elaine Ball, Fired Up and Fifty Plus founder, and event co-ordinator, said: "The exercise group is predominantly ladies, and everyone has had dealings with breast cancer themselves or knows someone who has."

For information about the over 50s exercise group, visit [www.firedupandfifty.co.uk](http://www.firedupandfifty.co.uk) website.

## Decisions on leisure expected

THE fate of Wyre Forest's leisure centres is expected to be decided next month.

A review by the district council has been going on since February to reduce the £1.2 million annual bill for upkeep.

One option is to build a new leisure centre and close the older ones, and a second is to allow businesses to take over existing centres.

The existing system where a management group runs Forest Glades, Bewdley Leisure Centre and Stourport Leisure Centre on behalf of the council would continue under a third option being considered by councillors.

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## Sandra's minded to help

A KIND Kidderminster fundraiser is hoping to donate hundreds of pounds to charity with the help of a psychic.

Sandra Wolfenden, who has raised cash for local charities for several years has drafted in top psychic Michelle Emery to raise funds for the Noah's Ark Trust.

The psychic will be showcasing her talents for free at 7pm on April 21 and May 17.

Tickets for the evenings in the Valley Suite function room at Severn Valley Station, Comberton Hill, cost £15 and include a meal. For information, or to buy a ticket, call 01562 631735 or 07542 045941.

## Subway a showpiece

TO MARK the anniversary of its first ReWyre board meeting, Kidderminster Library is hosting an exhibition showing completed projects around the town from over the last year.

The exhibition is open until April 30 in the Exhibition Gallery on the top floor. ReWyre's aim is to bring key stakeholders and investors from the public and private sectors together to combine their energies and resources to see the wider potential for the town and deliver a bigger vision for change.

Major potential redevelopment areas include the town's canal side areas and the former British Sugar site.

## Favourite

ReWyre also implements short-term, quick-win projects that make an immediate impact on the town. It is these projects that are the focus for this exhibition.

These include public art projects such as the Comberton Hill island subway and events like the canal festival feature and the Churchfields development.

The exhibition has a giant map of Kidderminster and asks people to pinpoint their most and least favourite places.



Kidderminster Comberton Hill subway

Mark Moore, chairman of the ReWyre Board said: "The initial projects that are being displayed here are not only helping to improve the town in the short-term but are also making a real statement about the kind of Kidderminster we want."

"ReWyre is proving that it can deliver and support a wide range of projects. While there has been a spotlight on short-term environmental improvements, we will keep driving to deliver its medium and long-term aims."

For details, see regeneration@wyreforest.dcc.gov.uk or www.rewyreforest.org.

## County delight over teen cash

TWO funding awards have been made to help Worcestershire young people make positive transitions into education or training post-16.

The county council bid successfully for European Social Funding to prevent teenagers becoming NEETs—not in education or employment with training.

It will be managed through the council's Children's Services' Widening Participation Team in partnership with schools, colleges and training providers.

The cash will help fund off-school-site vocational learning for young people currently in Key Stage 4 identified as being at risk of becoming NEET post-16.

The county council has also been given funding to help make the necessary changes to prepare for those young people affected by the Government's new legislation to raise the age of compulsory participation in education or training.

## Valuable

Worcestershire has been chosen by the Department of Education to take part in the Raising Participation Age (RPA) trials. The county has already taken part in earlier trials to find out what needs to be done by local authorities to help inform national policy.

The further cash will be used to build on these findings to ensure that there is appropriate local support and provision in place to help young people to remain in education or training at least until their 18th birthday.

Councillor Marcus Hart, cabinet member for education, said: "This double funding is good news for Worcestershire's young people as it will enable us to align the valuable work to support off-school-site vocational learning with the Raising the Participation Age action plan, ensuring that we are able to have the appropriate support and provision in place."

## Susan leaves USA for antiques shop venture

AFTER living in Africa, the USA and Australia Susan Harrington-James aims to be in Bewdley for a good while.

The antiques specialist has moved from Cape Cod, New England, where she has lived on and off for the last 10 years.

The former travel firm boss, aged 60, has launched Mayflower Antiques with business partners as an international on-line dealer and collector specialising in rare 16th, 17th, and early 18th century pieces.

## Dream

Originally from England, she has spent many years overseas and decided to move back here, and to Bewdley, to be close to her sister who lives in Worcester.

"Bewdley is a typical English market town, it has got a lot of character. It is delightful and the people are absolutely super," she added.

"Collecting antiques has always been a passion so turning that into a serious business is a dream come true."

"I have been lucky to travel the world over the years and during that time have developed a real excitement for rare 16th and 17th century pieces – fascinating, unusual items that are hugely difficult to discover."

"Most dealers offer just furniture, silver, glass or metal ware, but we offer all of these."



Susan Harrington-James in her new Bewdley shop

cately designed glasses, silver and brass pieces.

Susan said: "We have built a wide selection of unusual treasures and wanted to share these with as many people as possible by publicly displaying them."

## 'Anti-social' driver's ban for two years

A KIDDERMINSTER driver was banned from the roads for two years by the town's magistrates.

Ian John Moorhouse, aged 20, of Victoria Place, admitted four counts of driving a motor vehicle without a licence and insurance and was fined £200.

The March 31 court appearance follows excellent work by the Oldington and Foley Park Local Policing Team which led to Moorhouse's arrest, according to the West Mercia force.

## Criminal

"Our Community Support Officers witnessed his anti-social driving in the area on a number of occasions which then led to his arrest," said Pc Sally Slivinska.

"By stopping people like Mr Moorhouse we hope to try to make the community a safer place."

"Driving without a licence, tax or insurance is a criminal offence and anyone caught will be dealt with accordingly."

## Holiday invite to families

AN OUTDOOR education centre in north Wales run by Worcestershire County Council is now offering families the chance to hire accommodation.

The Llanrug Outdoor Education Centre, in Snowdonia, has a refurbishment to create a 20-bed annexe.

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## Explore

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Cosford Air Show will take place on Sunday, June 12 this year at RAF Cosford on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border and the line-up for one of the longest RAF flying displays in the UK is now coming together.

Organisers have teamed up with the Chronicle series to offer 15 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.

At the show every display is built round the regular appearance of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight of Lancaster

bomber, Spitfire and Hurricane and the Red Arrows aerobatics team – both of which are already booked for this year.

The rest of the programme ranges from pre-war machines to the latest combat aircraft like the Typhoon.

The only Vulcan aircraft left flying in the world will be setting hearts racing at this year's Cosford Air Show. The iconic aircraft, which is one of the most popular examples of British aerospace engineering, is lined up for the show. In 2010 more than a million people watched the last airworthy Avro Vulcan fly.

Norman Branagh, Air Show Co-ordinator, said: "Each year we try to bring in different aircraft to entertain the crowds,



The spectacular Tornado is always popular

along with the favourites that people turn out to see year on year.

"For 2011 we have a few surprises up our sleeves for the aviation enthusiasts and will again be working to provide jaw-dropping performances from a variety of aerobatic display teams.

"Every year the proceeds of the event, which never fails to provide a great day of entertainment for all involved, go to RAF and local charities."

## Bands

Cosford Air Show is renowned for the exposure it provides for historic aircraft and the amazing feats provided annually by the modern flyers.

And as well as the excitement in the air the thousands of visitors will also be able to enjoy non-stop entertainment on the ground with a funfair, craft fair, market and aircraft exhibitions, RAF training displays and military bands – as well as entry to the RAF museum.

The Large Model Association will be back to entertain the crowds with an aircraft display of their own to kick-start the activities.

Full information on the show

can be seen on the air show web site – [www.cosfordairshow.co.uk](http://www.cosfordairshow.co.uk) – or is available on the show information line at 0844 561 1897.

Advance tickets are now available at £19 from the Cosford Air Show ticket line on 0871 230 1083 or at [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com) and children under 16 get free entry as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £25 on the gate.

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## TOP TEN PLAYLIST OF WEEK



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**Happy Now**  
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**Me & Tennessee**  
 Tim McGraw & Gwyneth Paltrow

**The Last Dance**  
 Clare Maguire

**Eyes Wide Shut**  
 JLS

**Someone Like Me**  
 Adele

**Yeah Right**  
 Dionne Broomfield

**Bright Lights**  
 Bigger City  
 Cee-Lo Green

**Roll Away Your Stone**  
 Mumford & Sons

**Price Tag**  
 Jessie J

## Daytime TV is OK, but it's good that I'm back

I KNOW, I know, I've been a lazy-bones this week! Honestly, the cheek of taking two mornings off for no good reason other than to relieve my youth and watch Jeremy Kyle whilst eating Frosties in my dressing gown.

Thank you to the ever-marvellous Stuart Hickman for stepping in to steer the good ship Wyre for a couple of mornings.

The opening of the new unit for the Emily Jordan Foundation and Spokes CIC will take place at noon this Saturday, April 16, at Unit 9, Finepoint Way, off Stourport Road, Kidderminster.

The events will start at 11am and finish at 3pm.

There is an exhibition of extreme mountain bike riding, a magician, juggler, bar, and bike sales.

The Conservative MP for Wyre Forest, Mark Garnier, is due to attend along with the Mayor of Kidderminster, Councillor Jeffrey Baker, and representatives of the Disability Commission in

Worcester. Go along and see what is taking place for individuals with learning disabilities in the Kidderminster area, or check [www.theemilyjordanfoundation.org.uk](http://www.theemilyjordanfoundation.org.uk).

It's a big weekend for Anthony Holland, from Kidderminster. He's finally going to be running in the London Marathon in aid of Epilepsy Action this Sunday, April 17.

## Spouting

It's not too late to sponsor Ant via the <http://www.justgiving.com/antholland> website.

From all of us here at The Wyre, we wish Ant all the very best of luck.

That'll do ya! As always you can find me spouting nonsense between 6 and 10 weekdays on 107.2 The Wyre along with the latest north Worcestershire news and the happenings from the county's roads with Phil Ray in the travel centre.

Hope to see you there... or hear from you there, or something like that.

If you need to contact 107.2 The Wyre or have a community announcement, email [info@thewyre.com](mailto:info@thewyre.com)

## WEATHER UPDATE

**SUNSHINE** and showers look to be the order of the day for tomorrow (Friday) and the weekend. Rainfall should be no more than light and should not spoil any days out with the family. After a cool Friday at about 13C, Saturday and Sunday look set to warm up towards the high teens.



## DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving...

### Kidderminster

A449 Chester Road North has temporary traffic lights opposite No. 287 until April 14.

Lisle Avenue has temporary traffic lights and roadworks until May 13

### Blakedown

A456 Birmingham Road, temporary traffic lights in nearside lane approaching Blakedown from Hagley until April 14.

A456 Birmingham Road has temporary traffic lights at Harbor-

ough Hall until April 29.

### Trimley

Eymore Wood Lane, temporary traffic lights from Trimley works to Southcote Farm until April 15.

### Cookley

Castle Road, temporary traffic lights opposite No.152 until April 14.

### Stourport

Wilden Lane closed between Hartlebury Road and the A449 until April 15.

### Stourbridge

Foster Street East remains closed to traffic in both directions between A491 St John's Road and Mount Street, due to continuing work on the rebuilding of Stourbridge's bus station, until December 5.

### Worcester

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# Software firm's success

BUSINESS software developed by Wyre Forest company OGL Computer has won a national innovation award ahead of a strong field.

Stourport-based OGL's prof.ITplus software picked up The Cleaning Show Innovation Award for Software at The Cleaning Show.

Judges at the Birmingham NEC show praised the software for providing sales order, stock control and accounts facilities for stockists and distributors.

The judges picked up on the new Business Intelligence software module, which presents live business data to indicate which areas of a stockist/distributor's business are perform-

ing well, and which areas could be improved to maximise commercial success.

OGL Computer, which has a base in Kidderminster, also won praise for its WebServices.

### Valuable

OGL WebServices claims to be a complete e-commerce solution, including website development.

To win the innovation award is extremely valuable to OGL because we have now been recognised at the highest level within the cleaning industry," said software sales manager Simon McGuire.



OGL's Mike Cross, left, and Simon McGuire celebrate the Software Innovation Award at the NEC

# Jobs axed as rail takings plummet

JOBs have been axed and little-used train services scrapped as Severn Valley Railway tries to get back on track following a fall in passenger numbers.

Bosses at the leading tourist attraction said they had been forced into tough, unpalatable decisions this year.

Twelve positions have been axed, including that of traffic manager Dewi Jones, whose responsibilities have been shared out.

The other 11 jobs, part and full-time, have gone in departments such as accounts, shops and visitor services.

Five staff, including Mr Jones, left due to redundancy, and the rest had reached retirement age.

SVR chiefs said the railway, which runs from Kidderminster to Bewdley and Bridgnorth, was facing up to the reality of last year's downturn when just 225,000 passengers - 20,000 fewer than expected - used the service.

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## Conkers centre for children



Ali Haynes with children Louis and Wade and Councillor Ed Moore, Jackie Birchley, children's centre improvement manager, Hagley Primary School head Kevin Bailey and Sue Mole, a manager at the centre

A NEW children's centre offering support to youngsters and their families has opened in a village near Kidderminster.

Youngsters up to the age of five will be able to use the Sure Start-funded Conkers Children's Centre based at Hagley Primary School which is run by the charity Action for Children.

Family support, parenting courses, baby massage, health services as well as training and employment advice are among the services on offer.

A celebration ceremony was held to mark the opening of the centre which included balloon modelling among other attractions.

Lee Furniss, group manager of children's services at Action for Children, said: "We were very pleased to see so many children and families attend the official opening of Conkers Children's Centre, which was a great success."

"They all seemed to enjoy the fun activities we had on offer, particularly the mobile zoo and face painting."

## Probe on gun alert OAP death

THE death of a pensioner found slumped in a chair minutes after armed officers were called is to be investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

The 73-year-old was found dead at his home after suffering a suspected heart attack at a property in Whittington, near Kidderminster.

A police helicopter had been seen flying over the area following reports of a man with a firearm.

Staffordshire Police said the case would be looked at by the IPCC which is standard in deaths where firearms officers have been called.

No weapons were fired in the incident, which started at 11.30pm last Thursday, April 7.

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## Town's businesses invest in leadership

COMPANIES in Kidderminster are investing in skills for their leadership teams to help combat the recession.

Membership of the Midlands Leadership Group, a skills organisation for managing directors and business leaders, is at an all-time high following its formation seven years ago.

Kidderminster members include David Lawrence, managing director of Lawrence Recycling and Waste Management, which operates the largest covered recycling site in Europe, and Andrew Gibson, the company chairman.

The leadership group meets regularly to update and refresh skills, listen to top international speakers and take part in a confidential forum to discuss current challenges

which impact on profitability and employment in the region.

Midlands Leadership Group chairman Colin Perry said: "It is one of the few occasions where some of the region's leading business figures can sit around in shirtsleeves and talk about the things that matter to their businesses and to the workforce."

Increasing

"Everyone has a key issue they need help with as well as expertise of their own. Being the managing director is no longer the lonely place that it used to be."

Midlands Leadership Group now has more than 25 high-fliers registered in all of its groups and is increasing membership at the rate of five a month.

## Long trek to bike casualty

PARAMEDICS had to hurry for more than a mile along a canal towpath near Kidderminster to reach an injured cyclist.

The 42-year-old woman was airlifted to hospital from near the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal after suffering a deep cut to her leg when she fell from her bicycle between the villages of Cookley and Causall at 4.15pm last Friday, April 8.

It is believed the woman landed on the handlebars of the bike, puncturing her skin.

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## GAMES

# Fast and furious fun as top superhero tag teams battle

### Marvel vs Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds (12, Capcom)

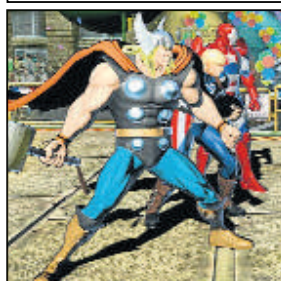
DELIRIOUS, neon-coloured beat 'em up heaven. Marvel comic book and Capcom video game characters clash in three-a-side tag team battles which will have your fingers in a frenetic blur on the buttons and joystick to create and counter mind-blowing fighting moves. Fast, furious and fun that's up with the best of Street Fighter.

### Topspin4 (3, 2k Sports)

Warm up for Wimbledon with this excellent championship tennis sim from 2K's Czech developers.

The tutorials help novices quickly pick up the intuitive controls, showing you how to perfect a powerful serve and return a ball with interest. Button combinations and good timing allow you to add spin. The graphics are good, if not stunning, with a roster of 25 past and recent champions (and Andy Murray). An immersive career mode awaits dedicated players and there is an online world tour mode for those who want to take

### XBOX 360 REVIEWS



Hammer time... Thor is about to join the action on behalf of Marvel Comics

on other gamers.

Easy to pick up but harder to master, Topspin4 is a satisfying virtual court experi-

ence, less flashy but more rewarding than many of its tennis sim rivals.

### MotoGP 10/11 (3, Capcom)

For all the extensive details of the superbikes, riders, tracks and teams, plus downloadable content as the 2011 MotoGP unfolds, this still feels like an arcade racer... and that's not a bad thing. You get screeching, knee to the track, high speed action in a variety of racing modes, including time trial or the extensive career option for the serious racer, and the opportunity to join up to 20 racing online.

Somehow bike racers can't achieve as strong an illusion as the best four wheel race sims; maybe you need one of those motorway service station arcade bikes, but the latest redesigned instalment in the MotoGP franchise is about as good as it gets so far.

### Xbox Live Arcade titles:

### Swarm (12, Hothead)

Herd your 100 little blue critters through a platform world and try to keep as many alive as possible to progress. This will not be easy in a hostile, collapsing environment but reach certain key points and you will refresh and repopulate your alien swarm in their hunt for DNA. Swarm is as maddening as it is addictive. Now it's available for PlayStationNetwork too.

### Ghostbusters: Sanctum of Slime (Atari)

Another dull addition to the Ghostbusters franchise.

This starts off as an animated comic book telling about an ancient demon called Dumazu who has decided on world destruction. Players have a top-down plan-style perspective with the 'busters going from room to room using their beams to blast hordes of spooks.

Fun for about 20 minutes, this game gets very repetitive very quickly. You will be happy to let Dumazu win.

## Knight time is right time for Sims



### The Sims Medieval (12, EA)

The top PC game gets a medieval makeover, so as well as dating, marrying, raising kids and all that life stuff, now you can create your own damsels in distress and knights to remember.

This isn't another expansion pack but rather a stand alone title, using the Sims 3 engine, so it will feel familiar to all those control freak Sim addicts out there, whilst also bringing in quest elements somewhat akin to the Fable titles and popular online medieval adventure Runescape.

After a voiceover by Shakespearean former Starship commander Sir Patrick Stewart (who else?) you start at the top as the monarch and choose an ambition for your kingdom, whilst tweaking your attire and abode to your own exacting standards. You can choose your own personality traits, such as 'adventurous' or the more weird 'whale ate my parents', the latter involving lots of angry shouting at the sea. Then you go on to accomplish your quests as a variety of Sims in this enchanting fairy tale land, including knight, bard, wizard and blacksmith - but watch your behaviour or you may end up in the stocks.

It's an excellent new twist on the Sims experience which should be near the top of the PC games chart for some considerable time to come.

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## Back on the Brum beat for drummer

Pop veteran Roger Taylor tells **LEON BURAKOWSKI** why Duran Duran is looking forward to playing Birmingham



Returning to Birmingham for a concert and the LG Arena is nerve-wracking but it's the big one for Duran Duran, says Roger Taylor, right, with, from left, John Taylor, Nick Rhodes and Simon Le Bon

DURAN Duran drummer Roger Taylor says the pop legends' homecoming to Birmingham as part of the band's first tour in seven years, will be the most important in their 11-date UK jaunt. They will be appearing at the LG Arena concert on May 21.

"Birmingham is always the one we want to see come up on the tour book and is the most nerve-wracking because it's the one your family and friends will be at," says the Neachells-born sticksman, speaking from a New York hotel.

"It's the big one for us, the biggest this year and I can promise the fans it will be a spectacular production."

"We play all the hits and we have got three decades of music to draw from and songs from the new

album." That is the band's 13th studio album, *All You Need Is Now*, which was made with the hippest producer around today, Mark Ronson, who previously worked with Robbie Williams, Amy Winehouse, Adele and Christina Aguilera.

The 50-year-old drummer says working with Ronson had won him some serious street cred with his own children.

### Finger

"Mark Ronson grew up as a Duran fan and he also has this amazing music pedigree considering he's still in his 30s," says Taylor, who grew up in Castle Bromwich but now lives in London.

"Having just worked with Mark Ronson on this new album and worked with Timbaland on the last

album (Red Carpet Massacre) means the 'coolometer' with the kids has gone up and up.

"My oldest son is coming up to 23, he's really got his finger on the pulse and keeps me in touch with what's going on."

Duran Duran now consists singer Simon Le Bon and fellow Brummies Nick Rhodes (keyboards) and John Taylor (bass), guitarist Andy Taylor having quit the band again in 2006.

Unlike many of their peers from the 1980s who emerged during the post-punk 'New Romantic' movement, they have managed to avoid the nostalgia circuit.

"We have always avoided getting lumped in with the 80s thing," Taylor says. "We have had hits in the 90s and in the last decade we had *Reach Up For The Sunrise* which was a hit

record (no 1 in America). "We are still known as an 80s band but have still managed to escape that decade which is tough, there are not people who have managed to do that, you've got us, U2, Madonna and Depeche Mode."

"It is tough to get success as a band but sustaining it is even harder work. We put a lot of work into it."

### Struggling

What made Duran Duran different from many of their fellow UK pop stars of the 80s was massive and consistent success in America.

"They took to us very, very early in the States, *Hungry Like a Wolf* was the big one for us. That is the song that really took off here. *Save A Prayer* was a big hit. *Reflex* was, *Girls on Film*. When they like you

they like you for ever, so we are constantly coming back to the US."

"It was the videos that did it for us. We were struggling here, playing 500 seat clubs and we were making it only on a very underground level."

"Then they started playing us on MTV, only in Texas to begin with as an experiment and suddenly we started selling lots of records down there," he says.

"Then it went nationwide and we had these really cinematic videos that were just right. That's what broke us in America. They had loads of bars here with big video screens in and our videos were perfect for these bars. It was the right place at the right time."

Taylor splits drumming duties with Duran Duran, where he has laid down the rhythm since 1979, with DJing in clubs. "I like dance music, particularly 'house'," he says.

"I think it is a shame there is not more bands coming through. Maybe it is because of The X Factor, it tends to be about producers and singers."

Taylor still makes regular trips to Birmingham to attend Aston Villa matches with his father.

Another Birmingham venue holds special memories for Taylor, the Birmingham Odeon on New Street.

"My first drumming idol was John Bonham (of Led Zeppelin)," he says. "I went to see The Song Remains The Same at the Birmingham Odeon at the age of 15, that's when I realised I really wanted to be a drummer. Watching John Bonham play solo for 20 minutes in the middle of that movie was quite a life-changing moment."



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## Icy crash left Todd with warm glow

ONE hilarious moment of slapstick humour changed the career of actor Todd Carty.

After being a child TV star in the central role of Tucker Jenkins in kids' TV favourite *Grange Hill*, the actor from Kilburn in north London became associated with grim, dramatic TV roles, firstly as ill-fated Mark Fowler in *EastEnders* and then as murderous police officer Gabriel Kent in *The Bill*.

But it was a priceless moment during the fourth series of pro-celebrity ice show *Dancing On Ice* in 2009 that helped Carty rid himself of the misery tag. Partnering professional skater Susie Lipanova, he had been heavily

criticised for the judges for his lack of skating ability and they regularly finished at the bottom of the leaderboard.

Then, during their week three routine to The Beatles' song *Help!*, Carty lost control on the ice so badly that he went sliding out of camera shot, disappearing off the set completely leaving his partner to complete the routine alone.

### Inspired

It went down as one of the funniest incidents on TV that year.

"That was me out there," the 47-year-old actor told *The Chronicle*. "Me, the great big kid."

The producers of *Monty Python's*

*Spamalot*, the comedy musical inspired by the film *Monty Python and The Holy Grail*, were watching.

"They loved that moment so much that they offered me the role of Patsy, so I could show I can do comedy on stage," explains Carty, who first appeared on TV because producers visiting his stage school in the 1970s liked his cheeky face.

He has been playing the role of King Arthur's put-upon servant for around a year now and will make the clip-clop noises with coconut shells when Phil Jupitus takes on the regal duties for *Spamalot's* run at Wolverhampton Grand from April 25 to 30.



Todd Carty in his role as Patsy in *Spamalot*

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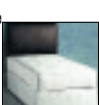
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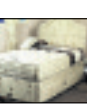
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I'll Be There at the Hippodrome... the portrayal of the young Michael, left, in the Jackson 5 in the tribute to the King of Pop and, right, capturing the older Michael



## Strumming up gigs at Robin

GUITAR heroes are coming to Bilston traditional rock venue The Robin 2 this month. On April 19, in a seated show, Californian fretboard master Thom Breth will be performing armed with his extraordinary two-sided Langejans Super Duet guitar.

Then on Bank Holiday Monday (May 2) Australian guitar maestro Tommy Emmanuel shows his finger-picking prowess in the evening, following an afternoon workshop when guitarists can get up close to tips from the master. In between, the Mount Pleasant venue features American bluesman Tommy Castro with his band on April 20 and the Girls With Guitars Blues Caravan Tour 2011 on April 28, featuring Americans Samantha Fish and Cassie Taylor and soul singing Dani Wilde from Wiltshire.

Contact the venue's box office on 01902 401211. Other concerts coming up at the Robin 2 include memories of Rollerama when Les McGoown sings Bay City Roller hits on Saturday (April 16) and Derek 'The Draw' Horse steps into the late Ian Dury's shoes to sing with The Blockheads on April 21.

### Album reviews

#### Frootful - Colours, This Is Speedometer: Vol 1 and 2 (both Freestyle Records).

TWO cracking mod jazz releases from London's hip and groovy Freestyle label, both mostly instrumental and harking back to punchy 60s style jazz and fat 70s funk.

Frootful is the moniker for jazz guitarist Nick Radford and the title refers to the wide range of moods and grooves covered on his new project. Lack of Afro's Adam Gibbons twiddles the knobs as vintage instruments, valve amps and analog gear are used to give an authentic sound. Highlights include the dynamic title track propelled by Al Hudson's swinging drums and Paul Wellers bassist Damon Minchella, with some cool vibraphone, plus a ska-styled cover of Young Holt Unlimited's 'Young & Hotful', renamed 'Young & Frootful'. Elsewhere southern fried fatback funk, 60s style blues and soul, and latin styles get a workout. Angeline Morrison contributes smoochy, mellow vocals to a couple of tracks.

The Speedometer retrospective pairs the first two albums from Leigh Gracie's funky London outfit who've made it big in Japan. Originally out on the Blow It Hard label in 2003 and 2005 and now hard to find, this gives jazz-dance fans the chance to revel in the band's retro combo of gritty funk instrumentals, soul ballads and latin grooves (they've got the best New Orleans funk sound this side of their heroes The Meters) on one 22-track remastered album featuring singer Ria Currie and the popular reworking of Beyoncé's 'Work It Out'. **Leon Burakowski**

# Thriller of a night at King of Pop tribute

THRILLER nights are in store at Birmingham Hippodrome where the touring version of the West End hit tribute to King of Pop, Michael Jackson, will start a two-week run from Monday.

Thriller Live is a spectacular, high-octane concert featuring a host of Michael Jackson and Jackson 5 hit songs including I Want You Back, I'll Be There, Blame It On The Boogie, She's Out Of My Life, Thriller, Beat It, Jam, Man in the Mirror, Dirty Diana, Billie Jean and They Don't Really Care About Us.

One of the team of singers and dancers presenting the tribute will be Birmingham's own former Pop Idol finalist Hayley Evetts.

Meanwhile, the hugely popular, naughty but nice Calendar Girls, a poignant comedy, continues at the Hippodrome until Saturday.

Buddy bids farewell to Peggy Sue and Wolverhampton Grand on Saturday and following the rock 'n' roll musical will be a celebration of Irish song and dance, Essence Of Ireland on Tuesday.

Kids' favourites The Chuckle Brothers are returning to the Grand. This time they will be lampooning Harry Potter with Barry Potty and his Full Blood Brother Paul in The Ghostly Shadows during the Easter weekend, April 23 and 24.

Then comes the Grand's spring block-

buster comedy musical, Monty Python's Spamalot, from April 25 to 30, with comedian Phill Jupitus as King Arthur.

A tangled web of deceit and family secrets are explored in Chip Off The Block, staged by Opus Theatre Company at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Friday).

The Crescent Theatre presents its version of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar in its studio theatre off Brindley Place, Birmingham, from Saturday to the following Saturday.

OK ladies and some gentlemen, The Chippendales strut their six packs at Birmingham's New Alexandra tonight (Thursday).

### Ambitious

The Tiger Who Came For Tea is on stage at Birmingham Town Hall in a musical adaptation by David Wood of Judith Kerr's popular children's book from Tuesday to Friday.

The National Youth Choir of Great Britain and junior choirs present a programme of Schumann, Brahms, Gorecki and MacMillan in We Are The Music Makers at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Sunday evening.

Ballet gets a digital makeover when Stravinsky's Rite of Spring 3D is presented at Symphony Hall next Thursday, April 21. Created by media artist Klaus Obermaier, it is one of the most ambitious events to take place at the prestigious city centre venue. A

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## Choice



### EUROVISION: YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS BLUE

BBC1, 6.10pm

When Josh Dubovie came last at the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest with That Sounds Good to Me, it probably put some British acts off ever entering this year's competition. Luckily boy band Blue weren't about to shy away from the challenge of restoring the nation's pride. This one-off special sees how members Lee Ryan, Antony Costa, Duncan James and Simon Webbe are preparing for their appearance in Dusseldorf as they meet choreographers, designers and stylists, before embarking on a publicity tour around Europe. Graham Norton narrates.

## BBC1

6.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix - Qualifying. Live coverage from the Shanghai International Circuit. 8.30 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix - Qualifying. 2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Ali Carter v Dave Harold and Mark Williams v Ryan Day. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.40 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. Celebrity spoofs, with Jon Culshaw and Debra Stephenson. (R)

## 6.10 Eurovision: Your Country Needs Blue.

The band's preparations to represent the UK in Dusseldorf on May 14.

7.10 So You Think You Can Dance. The first live edition.

8.10 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Last in the series.

9.00 Casualty. The competition between Jordan and Miriam intensifies.

9.50 Live at the Apollo. With Lee Mack, Rich Hall and Danny Bhoy. (R)

10.20 BBC News; Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day.

11.35 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.00 BBC News.

## BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: The Taming of the Shrew. (1967) Shakespeare comedy, starring the late Elizabeth Taylor. 1.55 Film: William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. 4.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Continued coverage of the opening day from Sheffield. 5.30 Flog It! (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Jones loses a large sum of money. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Neil Robertson v Judd Trump and Shaun Murphy v Marcus Campbell.

7.50 Elizabeth Taylor - A Tribute. Profile of the actress, who died last month.

8.50 Timewatch - In Shackleton's Footsteps. (R)

9.50 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Ross Noble and Sarah Millican. (R)

10.20 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Stephen Mangan.

11.05 Nurse Jackie. The nurse fakes the result of an MRI.

11.35 Later with Jools Holland. With Cee Lo Green, Glasvegas and Bootsie Collins. (R)

12.35 Snooker: The World Championship. 1.25 Snooker Extra. 3.25 Close.

## ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.45 Monk. 1.40 ITV News; Weather. 1.50 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.20 Film: Arthur. (1981) Comedy, starring Dudley Moore. 4.10 Regional Programmes. 4.25 ITV News; Weather. 4.40 Live FA Cup Football. Manchester City v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.15pm).

7.20 Sing if You Can. New series. Celebrity singing challenge, hosted by Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon.

8.20 Britain's Got Talent. New series. Ant and Dec kick off another search to find the nation's most impressive performers, with Amanda Holden joined by new judges Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff.

9.50 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand. New series. The actor and comedian discusses his marriage to singer Katy Perry, and is questioned about his infamous phone calls to Fawcett Towers star Andrew Sachs.

10.50 ITV News; Weather. 11.05 FILM: Dreamcatcher. (2003) Premiere. Sci-fi horror, starring Morgan Freeman.

1.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.35 Swingtown. Laurie and Doug Stephens are discovered in a compromising position. (R) 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Formula Ford Championship. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Koko Pop. 9.50 T4: Friends. (R) 10.25 T4: Glee. 11.20 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.50 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 The Secret Supper Club. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. The conclusion of the dinner party challenge in Oxfordshire. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv. The Queen's role as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

7.00 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall prepares a variety of treats. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 FILM: The Day After Tomorrow. (2004) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid.

10.20 Stand Up for the Week. 11.10 FILM: The War of the Roses. (1989) Black comedy, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.

1.20 Sex, Secrets and Frankie Howerd. (R) 2.15 The Confession. (R) 2.20 Privileged. (R) 3.45 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Zoo Days. (R) 10.05 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.05 NCIS. (R) 12.05 Law & Order. (R) 1.05 Film: Murder Ahoy. (1964) Mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. 2.55 Film: Guarding Tess. (1994) Comedy drama, starring Nicolas Cage and Shirley MacLaine. 4.45 Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn.

6.50 5 News Weekend. 6.55 NCIS. Tony and Jeanne are held hostage. (R)

7.50 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. A couple are murdered in the street. Crime drama, starring William Petersen. (R)

8.50 CSI: Miami. Part one of two. The discovery of a woman's body at the bottom of a lake leads Horatio to Julia, the mother of his son. Calleigh finds herself targeted in a hate campaign. (R)

9.50 CSI: NY. A serial rapist is murdered. Crime drama, starring Gary Sinise.

10.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A casino owner's death leads to an unusual discovery. (R)

11.50 Cops in Crisis. Harrowing tales of survival told by police officers. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

ITV2  
3.10 American Idol 4.10 Britain's Got More Talent 7.20 Fiddles, Cheats & Scams 8.20 Help! I Caught It Abroad 9.20 Life's Funniest Moments 9.50 Britain's Got More Talent 10.50 Celebrity Juice 11.35 Film: American Pie (1999)

ITV3  
5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders. A craft centre's financial ruin has dire consequences. 11.05 Wyldlife

ITV4  
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Deccan Chargers v Kings XI Punjab. 8.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 9.00 Ultimate Force 10.35 Film: The Exorcist (1973)

BBC THREE  
7.00 Doctor Who 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.50 Film: Serendipity (2001) 11.15 Family Guy

BBC FOUR  
7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home 9.00 Spiral 10.55 Twenty Twelve 11.25 Fanny Hill

E4  
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 5.00 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 How I Met Your Mother 8.55 Friends 10.00 Film: My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) 11.50 The Cleveland Show

FILM4  
3.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) Musical comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. 4.50 A Room with a View (1986) 7.05 The Truman Show (1998) 9.00 Trading Places (1983) 11.15 The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

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### THE CUBE

ITV1, 7pm

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## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **7.00 Formula 1:** The Chinese Grand Prix Live. The third race of the season from Shanghai (Start-time 8.00am). **10.15 London Marathon 2011.** Further live coverage of the 31st staging of the annual event. **2.00 The Politics Show.** **3.00 Weather** for the Week Ahead. **3.05 Formula 1:** The Chinese Grand Prix. **5.05 Points of View.** **5.20 Songs of Praise.** **5.55 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**6.15 Land Girls.** Drama, starring Beci Gemmell and Jo Woodcock. (R)

**7.00 Countryfile.** Julia Bradbury meets the groundsmen who maintain the Old Course at St Andrews, and Matt Baker learns why the local landscape made the Scottish town an ideal location for golf.

**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** More items are valued at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire.

**9.00 Britain's Royal Weddings.** Part one of two. Presented by Sophie Raworth.

**10.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**10.25 Does Christianity Have a Future?** Ann Widdecombe explores Christianity's role in modern Britain.

**11.25 FILM: Absolute Power.** (1997) Crime thriller, starring Clint Eastwood; Weatherview.

**1.25 Sign Zone:** MasterChef. (R) **2.25 Holy City.** (R) **3.25 Men of Rock.** (R) **4.25 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**6.00 CBeebies.** **6.55 CBBC.** **7.25 Match of the Day.** (R) **8.30 London Marathon 2011.** Live coverage of the 31st staging of the annual event. **10.15 Something for the Weekend.** **11.15 MasterChef.** (R) **12.15 Film:** Alvarez Kelly. (1966) American Civil War Western, starring William Holden. **2.05 EastEnders.** **4.00 Live Snooker:** The World Championship. Stephen Hendry v Joe Perry and Shaun Murphy v Marcus Campbell.

**6.00 London Marathon 2011 Highlights.** Action from today's 31st staging of the annual event.

**7.00 Alex Higgins: The People's Champion.** The life of the two-time world snooker champion. (R)

**8.00 The Secrets of Scott's Hut.** Ben Fogle travels to Antarctica, where he joins a project hoping to preserve the hut from which explorer Captain Robert Scott launched his ill-fated polar expedition in 1911.

**9.30 Alaska: The Arctic Man Ski & Sno-Goo Classic.** Ed Leigh and Graham Bell compete in the Arctic Man event. (R)

**10.00 Match of the Day 2.** Highlights of Arsenal v Liverpool.

**10.50 FILM: Apocalypto.** (2006) Mayan historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood and Dalia Hernandez.

**1.00 Snooker:** The World Championship. **1.50 Snooker Extra.** **3.50 BBC News.**

## ITV1

**6.00 CITV:** Mini CITV. **7.25 CITV.** **9.25 May the Best House Win.** (R) **10.25 Sing if You Can.** (R) **11.30 This Morning:** Sunday. **12.30 Dinner Date.** (R) **1.25 ITV News;** Weather. **1.30 Film:** Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case. (1977) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.00 Britain's Got Talent.** (R) **4.30 Midsomer Murders.** (R)

**6.30 Regional Programmes.** **6.45 ITV News;** Weather. **7.00 The Cube.** A fitness instructor takes up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of a large transparent cube to win a jackpot of £250,000.

**8.00 Lewis.** While investigating the death of a student during a clinical trial, Lewis uncovers a web of lies, jealousy and madness among those taking part.

**10.00 ITV News at Ten;** Weather.

**10.15 FA Cup Highlights.** The semi-finals at Wembley Stadium, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers v Stoke City, as the line-up for the showpiece match was confirmed.

**11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

**12.10 The Zone;** ITV News Headlines. **2.00 Film:** A Mighty Wind. (2003) Spoof documentary, starring Eugene Levy. **3.30 ITV Nightscreen.** **5.30 ITV Morning News.**

## Channel 4

**6.20 Sail Mali.** (R) **6.25 The Hoobs.** (R) **6.50 The Track and Field Show.** (R) **7.20 Freeports** on 4. **7.45 T4: Friends.** (R) **8.15 T4: Friends.** (R) **8.45 T4: Hollyoaks.** **11.20 T4: Being N-Dubz** in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55 T4: Glee.** (R) **12.55 T4: The Simpsons.** (R) **1.25 T4: The Simpsons.** (R) **1.55 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** (R) **2.25 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** (R) **3.00 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** (R) **3.35 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** (R) **4.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** (R) **4.35 Deal or No Deal.** **5.30 Time Team.**

**6.30 Channel 4 News.** **6.55 4thought.tv.** A Scottish Catholic discusses the Queen's role in the Church of England.

**7.00 Come Dine with Me.** A mother-of-two competes against a hairdresser, a businessman and a weight-loss consultant as the dinner party challenge heads to Bedford.

**8.00 The Hotel.** New series. Documentary following life at a three-star hotel in the Lake District.

**9.00 Country House Rescue.** Ruth Watson helps a feuding family in Hampshire.

**10.00 FILM: East Is East.** (1999) Comedy drama, starring Om Puri.

**11.55 FILM: 3 Idiots.** (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Madhavan.

**2.50 Never Did Me Any Harm.** (R) **3.45 The Play's the Thing.** (R) **4.45 Wogan's Perfect Recall.** (R) **5.10 Countdown.** (R) **5.55 Yo Gabba Gabba!** (R)

## Channel 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Fifi and the Flowerlotos.** (R) **6.25 Fireman Sam.** (R) **6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends.** (R) **6.50 The Beeps.** (R) **7.00 Mio Mao.** (R) **7.05 Chiro.** (R) **7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.** (R) **7.30 Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.40 Iqam Ogam.** (R) **7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.25 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **8.35 Family!** (R) **8.45 Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00 Olivia.** (R) **9.15 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing.** (R) **10.00 K-9.** **10.35 OK! TV Sunday.** **11.35 Family Food Fight.** (R) **12.05 Ice Road Truckers.** (R) **1.05 Emergency Bikers.** (R) **2.00 Film:** Death of a Gunfighter. (1969) Western, starring Richard Widmark. **3.55 Film:** Short Circuit. (1986) **5.55 5 News Weekend.**

**6.00 FILM: Big Daddy.** (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler.

**7.40 FILM: Spider-Man.** (2002) Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire.

**10.00 The Walking Dead.** **11.05 FILM: Single White Female.** (1992)

Psychological thriller, starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

**1.10 SuperCasino.** **4.00 Animal Rescue Squad.** (R) **4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights.** **5.00 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.10 The Milkshake! Show.** (R) **5.35 Thomas & Friends.** (R) **5.45 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

## Digital

**ITV2** **4.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals** **4.30 Britain's Got More Talent** **5.30 The Cube: Celebrity Special** **6.30 The Only Way Is Essex** **8.00 Kerry Katona - The Next Chapter** **9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Russell Brand** **10.00 The Only Way Is Essex** **10.45 Film:** Batman Forever (1995)

**ITV3** **3.55 The Turn of the Screw** **5.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot** **7.55 Mr Bean** **9.00 Film:** Fierce Creatures (1997) **10.55 Film:** The Constant Gardener (2005)

**ITV4** **11.00 British Touring Car Championship.** Round two from Donington Park. **6.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket.** Kolkata Knight Riders v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00 Premiership Rugby Union** **9.00 Film:** Conan the Destroyer (1984) **11.05 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors**

**BBC THREE** **7.00 Formula 1:** The Chinese Grand Prix Highlights **8.00 Top Gear** **9.00 Police Academy UK** **10.00 Family Guy** **10.45 American Dad!** **11.30 White Van Man**

**BBC FOUR** **7.00 The Great Estate:** The Rise & Fall of the Council House **8.00 Amazing Grace:** The Gracie Fields Story **9.00 Gracie!** **10.20 Spitfire Women** **11.20 Robert Plant: By Myself**

**E4** **3.50 Film:** Bride and Prejudice (2004) **6.00 Friends** **7.00 90210** **8.00 Friends** **9.00 Desperate Housewives** **11.00 Being Erica** **11.55 The 100 Greatest Stand Ups 2010**

**FILM4** **3.10 Carry On Sergeant** (1958) **4.50 Batman** (1966) **6.50 Grease** (1978) **9.00 Brassed Off** (1996) **11.05 M\*A\*S\*H** (1970)

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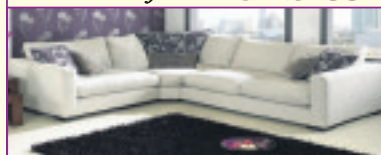
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## Monday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24/7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News. Weather. 11.00 Filly Rotten Scoundrels. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News. Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News. Weather. 1.30 Regional News. Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News. Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weekend Link. 6.00 BBC News. Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes. Weather. 6.55 Party Election Broadcast. (R) 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory. BBC News. Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 The Trillion Dollar Con-Man: Panorama. 9.00 Motorway Cops. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News. Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) 1.25 Watchdog. (R) 2.25 Arctic with Bruce Forsyth. (R) 3.25 Baking Made Easy. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Animal Park. 12.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Stephen Hendry v Joe Perry and Ronnie O'Sullivan v Dominic Dale. 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 5.55 Party Election Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Peter Ebdon v Stuart Bingham and Stephen Maguire v Barry Hawkins. 8.00 Railway Walks. (R) 8.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. 9.00 Fix My 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 11.50 The World Championship. 12.40 Snooker Extra. 2.40 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News. Weather. 1.55 Regional News. Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News. Weather. 6.25 Party Election Broadcast. 6.30 ITV News. Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 The Reckoning. 10.00 Newsnight. 10.30 Regional News. Weather. 10.35 Film: The Hitman. 11.00 Horror Remedy. 11.30 News. 12.05 The Zone. 12.10 News Headlines. 2.10 Crossing Jordan. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.10 Frasier. (R) 8.40 Friends. (R) 9.10 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.05 Brothers & Sisters. 11.00 Relocation. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thouttv. 8.00 Superize vs Superspy. 9.00 The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. 10.00 Campus. 11.10 Pete Versus Life. (R) 11.45 School of Comedy. 12.10 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.15 Superbike World Championship 2011. 1.45 The Grid. (R) 2.10 Formula Ford Championship. (R) 2.35 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 3.05 Freesports on 4. (R) 3.30 Sailing. (R) 3.55 ITU Triathlon. (R) 4.50 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

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## Wednesday

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Animal Park. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Graeme Dott v Mark King and John Higgins v Stephen Lee. 5.10 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 5.55 Party Election Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Mark Selby v Jimmy Robertson and Mark Allen v Matthew Stevens. 8.00 The Great British Wedding Cake. 9.00 The Crimson Petal and the White. 10.00 The Victorians. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship. 12.10 Snooker Extra. 2.10 BBC News. 3.25 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Animal Park. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Mark Selby v Jimmy Robertson. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. John Higgins v Stephen Lee. 8.00 The Animal's Guide to Britain. 9.00 A History of Celtic Britain. 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship. 12.10 Snooker Extra. 2.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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## Friday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 What's the Point of Forgiveness? 10.00 The Story of Jesus. 11.00 Filly Rotten Scoundrels. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News. Weather. 1.20 Regional News. Weather. 1.30 Film: The Prince of Egypt. (1998) Animated Biblical musical, with the voice of Val Kilmer. 3.00 Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement. (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. 4.50 Film: Enchanted. (2007) Fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams. 6.30 BBC News. 6.50 Regional News Programmes. Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 A Question of Sport. (R) 9.00 Have I Got News for You. 9.30 QI. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.20 Regional News. Weather. 10.30 The Graham Norton Show. 11.15 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.25 The One Show. (R) 12.25 Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth and Topher Grace. Weatherview. 2.00 Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) 3.00 The Boat That Guy Built. (R) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.00 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Animal Park. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Second-round coverage from Sheffield. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The final session on day seven at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. 8.00 Gardeners' World. 9.00 Monty Don's Italian Gardens. 10.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. 10.30 Film: The Village. (2004) Horror thriller, starring Joaquin Phoenix. 12.10 Later with Jools Holland. 1.15 Snooker: The World Championship. 2.05 Snooker Extra. 4.05 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News. Weather. 1.55 Regional News. Weather. 2.00 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 4.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News. Weather. 6.15 ITV News. Weather. 6.30 You've Been Framed. (R) 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Gaius. (R) 8.30 Bill Bailey. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Paul O'Grady Live. 10.00 ITV News at Ten. Weather. 10.15 Take Me Out. (R) 11.15 The Cube. (R) 12.15 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 2.15 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.05 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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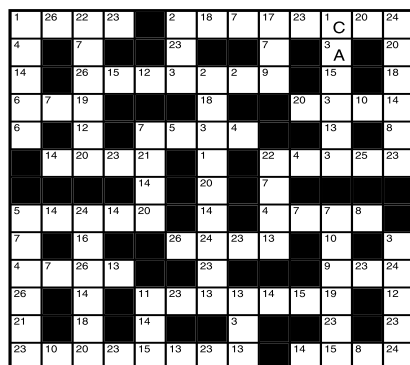


## Brain Gym

No.112

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

4. Fair game? (7)
8. Invest, but not in vest! (6)
9. Maintains a return pressure (7)
10. An expression of surprise in a legal document (6)
11. Big cuts she makes in fuel (6)
12. It's taken at one's leisure (8)
18. I leave the law to the big guns (8)
20. It's nonsense to compel a number (6)
21. Crafty, like a well-stocked gallery? (6)
22. We can do with it! (7)
23. Sole man without a grave (6)
24. A number, for example, finishes the inscriptions (7)

## Down

1. Give credit? (7)
2. Where there's no bar for ship repairs? (3,4)
3. Describes a sailor given a mission (6)
5. Reconciled to having had to give up work (8)
6. A mark of credit and comfort (6)
7. One eats it, as a matter of course (6)
13. Blend of tea, I sold apart from the rest (8)
14. Showed a sign of cold and contempt? (7)
15. A single way of making an impression (7)
16. Perfect voice for a trio? (6)
17. Develop part of a revolver (6)
19. Close, so ran up to a disturbance (6)

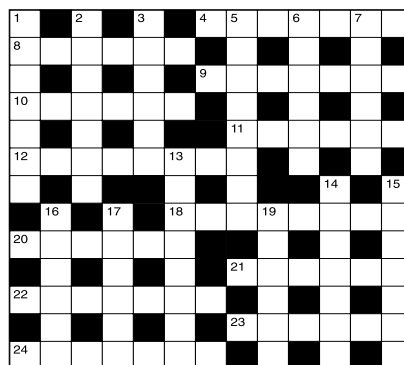
## Quick Clues:

## Across

4. Skill (7)
8. Undid (6)
9. Upper hand (7)
10. Idle talk (6)
11. Engage (6)
12. Benevolence (8)
18. Outer (8)
20. Whirlpool (6)
21. Frugality (6)
22. Absorbed (7)
23. Limited (6)
24. Capricious (7)

## Down

1. Funeral procession (7)
2. Brief notice (7)
3. Roar (6)
5. Ornament for the wrist (8)
6. Small (6)
7. Push (6)
13. Unskilled (8)
14. Tasteless (7)
15. Agitation (7)
16. Ceremonious (6)
17. Cord (6)
19. Racial (6)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Photo finish; 9 Lob; 10 Overreach; 11 Pages; 13 Lead off; 14 Fiends; 16 Review; 18 Genteel; 19 Anger; 20 Read aloud; 21 Aie; 22 Ready for bed. Down: 2 Hub; 3 Tools; 4 Feeble; 5 Narrate; 6 Shadowing; 7 Slip of a girl; 8 Shift-worker; 12 Greengages; 15 Die-hard; 17 All off; 19 Adder; 21 Ace. QUICK - Across: 1 Intersperse; 9 Asp; 10 Directive; 11 Elder; 13 Asunder; 14 Outset; 16 Zenith; 18 Narrate; 19 Latin; 20 Energetic; 21 Lie; 22 At all events. Down: 2 Nip; 3 Elder; 4 Scream; 5 Exclude; 6 Spindrift; 7 Take counsel; 8 Reprehended; 12 Detergent; 15 Evangel; 17 Nettle; 19 Lucie; 21 Let.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

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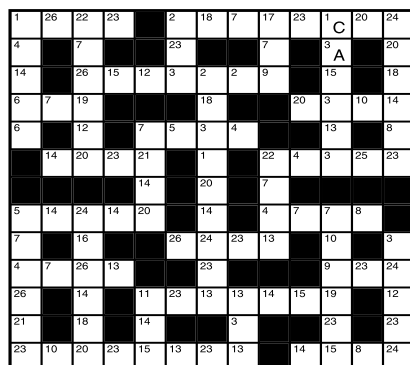
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## DVD review

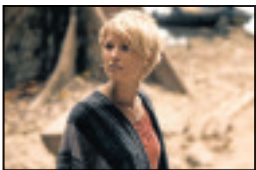
## Monsters (12)

LESS can be more in monster movies. In classics such as Jaws, Alien, Predator and, more recently Cloverfield, tension is built by only glimpsing the creature before the final shocking reveal.

However, British writer and director Gareth Edwards may stretch the patience of some monster movie fans before his giant tentacled jelly fish/spider/elephant ETs are finally revealed in all their otherworldly glory. The effects are, despite the movie's low budget, excellent and that is probably because of Edwards' background in special effects and CGI animation.

Set in the near future, the Mexican-American border has become a walled-off infected zone where alien creatures who came to Earth on a Nasa probe have adopted the jungle as their home. Military jets and tanks tackle the creatures' devastating occasional incursions into the human world, captured on grainy longshot video and photos.

The set up, which doesn't stand up to close scrutiny, has a risk-taking news photographer told by his bosses to get the newspaper owner's



Whitney Able stars in Monsters

daughter out of the danger zone and back to the US. When they miss the last ferry, they take the high-risk strategy of going through the infected zone.

What makes Monsters different to the rash of recent fantasy movies using documentary style (ie Cloverfield, District 9) is that it has an almost 'art house' sensibility. It seems more interested in the relationship between the photographer (who doesn't get to see his young son anymore) and the rich girl (who may be running away from her fiancée). There is certainly chemistry between the two leads, Scoot McNairy and Whitney Able, who have married since they completed the movie.

Tension is built in the background, such as the sight of burnt out tanks and downed fighter jets, chaotic TV footage of an attack and a sombre vigil for the creatures' victims. One can read into the movie allegories for the relationship between America and its poorer neighbours.

As monster movies go, this is unusual because it is a thoughtful slowburner rather than a rollercoaster ride.

Leon Burakowski

## The Vaccines, HMW Institute

THE Vaccines have not been around for long, but they certainly made an impact as they took to the stage last week.

They began with Under Your Thumb, which had the whole crowd singing along from the start, something that did not change throughout the night.

The band is typically indie, but with its debut album called What Did You Expect From The Vaccines, what more is there to say? They played songs like Post Break Up Sex, Wrecking Bar and If You Wanna, and the fans loved every minute.

It was clear they are new on the scene as their interaction with the audience was limited and the bassist, Arnie Hjorvar, had a noticeably awkward stage presence, but this did not matter as the fans were only interested in one thing – the music.

There is a lot of hype about the boys, and with them supporting the Arctic Monkeys in their US tour this May, it is clear they are going to be big.

They ended with Norgaard. It was a short set as most of their songs last less than three minutes. But they did not disappoint, and the audience were only left wanting more.

Alex Wainwright

## Andy Parsons 'Gruntled'

Wolverhampton Civic Hall COMEDIAN Andy Parsons laughed off media descriptions of himself as a 'Bullet-domed, potato headed Mel Smith lookalike' to put the world to rights on a number of issues.

Foreign policy, religion, terrorism, the BBC and even TV adverts all felt the full force of the Mock the Week star's acid-tongue. Pick of the bunch was his observation that one David William Donald Cameron had won only one vote in Scotland.

"That is like winning only one vote in Yorkshire when your name is Harry Ramsden Flatcap Boycott Tetley," said the Bullet-domed, potato headed Mel Smith lookalike.

Mark Shipp

## Greg Davies, New Alexandra Theatre

FOR the moment Greg Davies is probably still best known for his bit-part teacher role in Channel 4 comedy hit The Inbetweeners.

Judging on this excellent stand-up show, that won't remain the case for long. Battling through a debilitating sore throat, Davies' show consists of him regaling stories from throughout his 42 years.

Many are simple quotes or incidents which have formed his self-deprecating nature, but all seem genuine and are delivered with gusto and flawless timing.

Former teacher Davies is most at home when talking about his school days, chiefly when he was a pupil where he rakes over a succession of unfortunate but hilarious nicknames.

His former students then get the treatment, as does his inexplicably grumpy dad. As you'd expect from a 6ft 8in, 20st man, there are no subtleties here.

But given the time and space to deliver lengthy stories and monologues, Davies is far funnier than he comes across on television, where snappy one-liners are king.

As the show's title - Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog - suggests this isn't high-brow humour but Davies could certainly teach one or two of today's generation of comics a thing or two about humility and respect.

Many comedians reduce most of their shows to crude Mickey-taking of their audience members, but whenever Davies enlists the opinions of those present he does so apologetically.

The show, unlike Davies, is not particular big or clever. But it is damn funny.

Tim Spiers

## Calendar Girls, Birmingham Hippodrome

IF you have not already done so make sure this date goes on your calendar.

This is a not-to-be-missed show. Calendar Girls at Birmingham Hippodrome has everything, a line-up of stars who live up to their reputations, a script that lives up to its expectations and an uplifting storyline.

It's difficult to pick out a favourite but it's obvious that the women have as much fun performing it as the audience do watching it. It is a rollercoaster of emotions, one minute tears as John's illness gets worse and minutes later crying with laughter from the brilliantly funny lines.

The show runs in Birmingham until Saturday but if you can't make it then it is coming to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre in October.

It is based on the true story of the Women's Institute women who posed for a nude calendar to raise money for a memorial to one of the husbands, John.

Among the well-known actresses shedding their inhibitions along with their clothes for the hit comedy are Lynda Bellingham, Bernie Nolan, Jennifer Ellison, Lisa Riley, Gwen Taylor and Trudie Goodwin who appear with Ruth Madoc, Danielle Liner and Diana Moran.

Joining the ladies is Bruno Langley as the photographer and Joe McGann as John, who inspired the venture.

The play was a sell-out success last time it was staged at the Hippodrome and looks like doing the same again.

At the end, to rapturous applause, the cast revealed that since 1998 the various calendars and a range of merchandise had raised more than £3 million for leukaemia research.

Now that is something definitely worth applauding.

Sue Attwater

## The Wanted, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

LATEST boy band sensations The Wanted overcame the sound of 2,000 screaming teenagers girls to deliver a polished show in Wolverhampton on Monday night as part of their debut tour.

The crowd were nicely warmed up by power pop trio Twenty Twenty, surely no coincidence that they hit the stage at 20.20 hours (8.20pm).

As for the main event, Max, Siva, Tom, Jay and youngest member 17-year-old Nathan showed no signs of nerves despite their youth and only having been in the spotlight for a year. Backed by a good pro band with rock tendencies, the famous five made an impressive entrance following a spoof Sky News report that they were wanted for a diamond heist, though we later learn they were innocent after all.

But this set the scene for opener Behind Bars, the boys swapping vocals and going through their slick dance moves wearing oil-smeared T-shirts and studded pseudo-military outfits.

Lose My Mind, Weakness, Personal Soldier followed before a familiar spaghetti western theme saw the boys rock the house with Let's Get Ugly.

After a costume change, from street casual to suits, they even made a surprise appearance amidst the audience as security ushered their way back to the stage. With the cream of the UK's pop scene having written for their debut album, the succession of catchy songs with big choruses meant their 80 minute set rarely lost momentum.

New song Lightning sounded like a future hit before the lad band rounded off the night with their Comic Relief hit Gold Forever and encored with the first chart-topper All Time Low... sending the fans home on an all time high.

Leon Burakowski

## Dan Clark, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton

THE star of BBC3's How Not To Live Your Life, brought his own brand of chatty comedy to Wolverhampton last Thursday.

The affable 34-year-old had the crowd laughing right from the start thanks to his mix of surreal and observational comedy.

The first half involved lots of interaction with the audience, and mimed sketches which Dan Clark carried on for much longer than any other comedian would dare.

He gave witty takes on the use of technology, entertainment in the Victorian era, and dating. While it doesn't sound like those three should go together, it works thanks to his likeable chattiness and warmth.

The second half involved the introduction of Dan's friend Ben Parker, who helped him as musical accompaniment to his cheeky ditties.

Songs such as Dating A Mermaid, Serious Song Trilogy and Justin Beiber proved to be a massive hit with what Dan ranked as the 8th best audience so far.

Jon Pritchard

## Buddy, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

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Glenn Joseph led an excellent cast as Buddy with the musicianship spot on throughout. Steve Dorsett was a big man with a big voice as the Big Bopper.

All the top songs were included, Oh Boy, Every Day, Peggy Sue, True Love Ways and Heartbeat among them.

There is no doubt that Holly was a man before his time who died too young. But his music lives on.

However, while I'm sure most of us in the packed audience were tapping along, or even singing in their heads, I didn't appreciate those behind me audibly belting out the numbers.

However good the songs were, I came to see the stage stars performing them.

Buddy runs at the Grand until Saturday.

Mark Shipp

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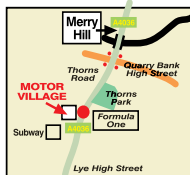
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COUPLED with interior refinements, and improved ride and handling characteristics in all conditions – courtesy of upgraded steering and suspension systems – the new Jeep Compass offers a blend of premium styling, capability, efficiency and value in the compact-SUV segment.

"With the new 2011 Jeep Compass, we've applied the premium design cues of our award-winning new Grand Cherokee," says Mike Manley, President and CEO – Jeep Brand, Chrysler Group LLC. "Combined with new interior appointments, and refinements to the suspension and steering systems, Jeep Compass provides consumers with the ultimate combination of styling, capability, fuel economy, efficiency, safety and value in the important compact-SUV segment."

The 2011 Jeep Compass has more than 30 safety and security features, including standard side-curtain air bags, electronic stability control (ESC), electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist (with manual transmission), side curtain air bags front and rear, and available front-seat-mounted side air bags.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass has a distinct family resemblance to the all-new, premium 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee. With a new bonnet, new front bumpers, new front valance and new headlamps as well as a new grille that has been detailed with chrome surrounding the traditional seven slots found on all Jeep vehicles, the new face of the Compass features a more serious, yet sophisticated, appearance. Lighting performance is improved with the use of quad reflector headlamps, and the fog lamps are now high output projector lamps.

A band of protective cladding has been added for 2011, serving to fend off debris when driving in challenging weather conditions or off-road, and providing a new appearance.

This trend continues with



The new 2011 Jeep Compass offers a clever array of features

enhancements to the rear of the Compass. A new rear valance, new body-colour rear spoiler, and subtle, upscale touches including new LED taillamps, and on the Limited model, bright trim on the kick plates and a chrome exhaust, adorn the new 2011 Jeep Compass. Topping it off, a new set of roof rails have been designed with a slimmed down appearance and a small amount of brightwork. The 2011 Compass sports new, standard 17-inch alloy wheels, and 18-inch alloy wheels are also available.

Interior upgrades for the Compass include new soft touch front-door trim panels with a padded upper surface; a new centre armrest; a new steering wheel with integrated controls that allows drivers to operate the radio, cruise control, available handsfree phone and other vehicle functions while keeping their hands on the wheel; new cloth interior with premium cloth bucket seats in the front; standard Cruise Control on all models; new backlighting of door switches, door locks, windows and power mirror controls.

The new 2011 Jeep Compass offers an array of clever features including navigation with iPod

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# sport

## Battling Bewdley's comeback just too late

BEWDLEY were unlucky to come away from third-placed Gornal with nothing to show for their efforts from what was a hard fought encounter between two competitive teams.

For more than an hour the game looked destined for stalemate, with few

### Gornal Athletic 2 Bewdley Town 1

chances at either end. Bewdley's Chris Seekings spurned an excellent opportunity just before half time after mayhem in the Gornal defensive ranks.

The deadlock was finally broken on 62 minutes

when a deep cross from the right found Gornal hitman Cameron Morgan, whose looping header beat Darren Steadman.

Bewdley's heads dropped and they were punished again five minutes later when Gornal doubled the lead with a

cross this time from the left flank which was nodded back across goal and Gornal's Jake Morgan bundled the ball in.

Bewdley made a couple of substitutions and on 78 minutes after some poor defending from Gornal which allowed Craig Webb

to drive home from the edge of the penalty area past the helpless Gornal keeper.

Bewdley pressed for the equaliser with further efforts from Simon Rudd and Sam Watkins but Gornal were able to hold on for the three points.



A tough debut as Yorkshire appeal loudly for the wicket of Worcestershire's Matt Pardoe

## Kidderminster club pride as Worcs cap rising star Pardoe

By Brian Gittins

KIDDERMINSTER'S Matt Pardoe played for Worcestershire in the Universities fixture against Leeds and Bradford and was then selected in the county XI to face Yorkshire in the Liverpool Victoria County Championship.

He was presented with his cap and colours before the match began at New Road, Worcester, last Friday and went on to score a confident 26 runs in the first innings.

### Subsided

It was a deserved start to the first-class career of a 20-year-old who has batted well for Kidderminster Victoria for the past two seasons, scoring more than 1,200 runs.

The second innings proved to be a more sobering experience as Pardoe

fell for a duck and Worcestershire subsided to a nine-wicket defeat with a day to spare in their opening First Division match following their promotion from the Second Division last summer.

Pardoe is also a useful left-arm seam bowler.

If Pardoe is going to be a regular in the Worcestershire county side he will be a great loss to the Kidderminster team.

Neil Pinner, also a contracted player with Worcestershire County Cricket Club, is another Kidderminster batsman being tipped to join Pardoe in the county 1st XI before long.



All-rounder Matt Pardoe

## What Kate did next is hit the gold standard

A BLISTERING performance from Kidderminster's Kate Walker saw her take gold at the British Universities Championships in style, winning all five of her contests with maximum point throws, each one a different throw.

Although all of her opponents were experienced black belts, Kate disposed of the first four in considerable speed, with none of the contests lasting a minute before she launched her opponents into the air.

The semi-final was a particular beauty, with a brilliant foot sweep winning the contest just 20 seconds after the start.

The final looked tough on paper, with Kate up against the current British Senior number four, easily the best player in the pack chasing Kate and her two main rivals for the Olympic place.

### Referee

However, the final was just seconds old when Kate's opponent started an attack and Kate countered with a superb turn that was so fast and subtle that the referee missed the throw and was clearly wondering why the other woman was flat on her back.

The corner judges both signalled for maximum score and Kate was had the gold – her 11th British title at junior, university and senior level.

Next day, Kate helped British Universities team take the team gold.

Chris Lau took silver in his competition.

At the Southern Area Senior Open Championships, in Crawley, Sarah Biles took gold and an open gold, and Ryan Pitcock won a silver.

## Golfers win it on 19th green

THE ladies of Kidderminster golf club played in a pulsating game against Little Lakes Golf Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes, with the lady president Sheila Chambers and Ann Billingham eventually winning on the 19th hole.

Ladies 18 hole Stableford Division one winner, Jill Yates, 34 points, second Sue Mobberley 33, third Yvonne Foley 32.

Division Two, first Shirley Caswell, 36 points, Jane Abrahams 28, Jilly Randle 26.

Nine-hole competition Val Hunt, 13 points on countback, second Eve Owen, 13 points.

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## Charlie is darling of Saxons

Stourbridge 33  
Sedgley Park 8

STOURBRIDGE Saxons ran in five tries to sweep aside struggling Sedgley Park and take a massive step towards securing a National One future.

Centre Charlie Hayter helped himself to a hat-trick.

Victory had much to do with a powerful forwards display, capped by James Rodley's try in each half. Sedgley's Stephen Nutt squeezed in at the corner for a try midway through the half, a score that sparked the Saxons into life.

Constant pressure on the Sedgley line resulted in a yellow card for visiting back row Richard Oxley.

Moments later, the Saxons inflicted further punishment, driving over the line with Rodley diving in for a try.

If the first half had been a cagey affair, the second saw some glorious running rugby.

### Unleashing

Hayter claimed his first, and best, try on 44 minutes. Sam Robinson's long-range pass picked out Matt Williams and the ball was then channelled through Ashley Smith to Hayter to dot down.

Rodley claimed his second when he broke free from a maul on 56 minutes before Cooper and Billy Moss powered upfield before unleashing Hayter for his second. The centre bagged completed his hat-trick by bagging his 14th try of the season on 66 minutes after more good work from Robinson.

Hearn duly slotted over all four second half conversions.

Grimsby Town 3  
Kidderminster Harriers 3

MATTY Blair's super hat-trick kept determined Harriers in the hunt for a play-off place and extended their unbeaten run to 14 games.

The midfielder's treble was his first – and the first by a Harriers player since James Constable's against Exeter City in 2007-8.

Manager Steve Burr remained upbeat despite losing ground to fellow play-off hopefuls Fleetwood Town after drawing 3-3 for the second successive Saturday.

Harriers took the game to Grimsby and after just 40 seconds Kenny Arthur was lucky to fumble away a Jack Byrne effort. The

## Final countdown in push to play-offs

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers embark on their final five games of the 2010-11 season with an excellent chance of reaching the play-offs.

Steve Burr's side, currently two points and one place outside the play-offs in sixth, have a game in hand on the two rivals above them, Fleetwood Town and Wrexham.

● Saturday, April 16, Eastbourne (away) – A win could relegate lowly Eastbourne, who currently sit 23rd in the table.

● Tuesday, April 19, Darlington (home) – Harriers' game in hand on Fleetwood and Wrexham. Darlington have won just three times away from home all season.

● Friday, April 22, Fleetwood Town (home) – Winners take all at Aggborough in this monumental Good Friday clash.

● Monday, April 25, Rushden & Diamonds (away) – A penalty from Chris McPhee settled the reverse fixture. Currently marooned in mid table, Rushden may have little to play for by Easter Monday.

● Saturday, April 30, Histon (home) – Ideal opposition for Harriers' final game as The Stutes have already been relegated.

home side took the lead against the run of play when Mark Hudson's dipping volley caught Lewis off his line on 24 minutes.

But Blair turned the tide in Harriers' favour. His 33rd-minute corner was palmed into the path of Mark Albrighton by the nervous Arthur.

The Harriers defender guided his header back into the six-yard box, but Scott Garner's clearance fell to Blair on the angle and a sweetly driven shot with the outside of his right foot left Arthur rooted to the spot.

Blair's second goal a minute before the break did little to ease home fears. Nick Wright produced good close control to release Lee Vaughan and his cross into the six-yard box allowed Blair to race in to head home.

The half time interval allowed the Mariners to regroup. Two goals in seven minutes, the first a wonderful overhead kick from Alan Connell on 56 minutes, was added to by the lively Lee Peacock to leave Harriers' great run under threat.

### Overhead

But on 82 minutes Blair completed his hat-trick, cutting in from an angle and blasting a left-footed shot into the roof of the net. Blair says no-one at Aggborough is giving up on the dream of firing the club back into the Football League until the final ball is kicked.

The 10-goal wide man said: "It was a similar sort of game to Luton last week. We scored late on and it just shows our mentality of never giving up."

"These points we are collecting now with this unbeaten run might just be enough to help us get in the play-offs at the end of the season. We can't look at what other teams are doing – we have to keep trying to win."

Grimsby Town: Arthur, Wood, Samuels (46 Bore), Kempson, Garner, Hughes (76 Cummins), Hudson, Leary, Connell, Peacock, Coulson (90+1 Eagle). Subs not used: Duffy, Atkinson.

Harriers: Lewis, Vaughan, Williams, M.Briscoe, Albrighton, Wright, Shaw (Gittins 75), Blair, Canham (Matt 61), McPhee, Byrne. Subs not used: Lowe, Hankin, Stevens.

## Anyone for tennis over Easter?



Coaches Kirk Woodall and Dean Swinger with Holy Trinity pupil Peter Hurrell

IT'S first come first serve for budding young tennis players as Kidderminster hosts its annual training camp.

Easter tennis coaching at Holy Trinity International School, Birmingham Road, teaches children from the age of five to 18.

The camp, which runs in conjunction with the Tennis Education organisation, runs from next Monday, April 18, to Thursday, April 21.

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